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R 120548Z AUG 75

FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9466

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SNAR, BM, TH

SUBJ: OPIUM CARAVAN

REF: STATE 184042

THE FOLLOWING TEL REC'D FM CHIANG MAI DATED 7 AUG 75 SENT  
ACTION BANGKOK REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION

QUOTE

CHIANG MAI 0195

1. AP WIRE STORY OF JULY 21 ON OPIUM CARAVAN DESCRIBED IN REFTEL  
CONTAINED NUMBER OF INACCURACIES, AS FOLLOWS:

A. CARAVAN CONSISTED OF 50 NOT RPT NOT 100 MEN.

B. AMOUNT OF OPIUM CARRIED WAS 320 KILOS NOT THREE TONS.

C. CARAVAN WAS NOT FIRST ONE SINCE APRIL; ANOTHER CARAWAN WAS  
HIT IN JUNE.

2. COMMENT: FOUR BPP KILLED (TWO CARAVAN MEMBERS WERE ALSO KILLED)  
IN THIS OPERATION ARE FIRST FATALITIES EVERY SUFFERED BY THAI POLICE  
IN NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION OPERATION OPERATION IN NORTH. AS RESULT,  
FEELING IN BPP HEADQUARTERS RUNNING HIGH TO TAKE REVENGE AGAINST  
TRAFFICKERS.

OPIUM IN CARAVAN DESTINED FOR CHIANG MAI DEALER; SUSPECT REFERENCE  
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TO SALE ON FOREIGN MARKET MEANT ELSEWHERE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. NO

WAY OF KNOWING IF SOME OF IT EVENTUALLY WOULD HAVE REACHED US  
MARKET. PUZZLED BY QUOTE ATTRIBUTED TO CHAVALIT RE "EXPECT MORE  
OPIUM CARAVANS MOVING THROUGH NORTHERN THAILAND" SINCE LATTER HAS  
ALWAYS BEEN PRIMARY DESTINATION CARAVANS FROM BURMA. MOREOVER,  
FROM FALL OF INDOCHIAN STATES TILL NOW, THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY  
NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN CARAVAN TRAFFIC ENTERING NORTH THAILAND.  
(DEPT. MAY ALSO WISH TO DRAW ON CLASSIFIED REPORT ABOUT THIS  
INCIDENT SENT VIA OTHER CHANNELS AND CHIANG MAI'S 0190 SENT  
WASHINGTON.) SIGNED HARBIN UNQUOTE  
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